



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord

J.S. Bach

*As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

### SILENT MEDITATION

"God never tires of forgiving; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." - Pope Francis

Fourth Sunday in



### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*LENTEN HYMN #224

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

(\*Please stand if you are able)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people...

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

**KYRIE ELEISON (#417)**

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL



Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a-way my sin. From earth-born pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with-in.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN #214**

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

MORNING SONG

**WELCOME**

*During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Numbers 21: 4-9

page 122 of the pew Bible

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Patty Ritchie (9:00) and Kathy Moore (11:10), for Agape for All

## **FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

Panis Angelicus (9:00)

César Frank

*May the bread of angels become bread for mankind. The Lord will nourish the poor, the servile, and the humble.*

O Love's Redeeming Sacrifice (11:10)

Edward Elgar

*O Love's redeeming sacrifice who opens wide the gates of heaven: from those who threaten us with death, o give us strength, grant us thy aid. Sing to the one eternal God, unending praise unto Thy Name, for we are heirs of grace through Thee providing us et ernal life.*  
*Amen.*

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3: 14-21

page 864 of the pew Bible

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON**

“Come to the Light”

Dr. Ziemann

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Confession of 1967

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again, it is a ransom of a slave, a payment of a debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.

**\*SANCTUS (#1)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAENA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

Song of the Wanderer (9:00)

Dan Forrest

Wondrous Love (11:10)

Eric Nelson

**\*DOXOLOGY (#711)**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your ho - ly purpose to ful - fill,  
to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new, that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, from the overflowing of your love, we have been given abundance upon abundance. Receive, we pray, our offerings and bless them. May we be blessed by their work, as we see your reign among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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José António Carlos De Seixas

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Liturgist</b>	Roger Utman, Moderator of the Building and Grounds Committee		
<b>Music</b>	9:00	Olivia Hacker, soprano; Mark Kanitz, organ	
	11:10	Chamber Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00	Jim Miller, Captain; Linda Miller, Gary & Marsha Marron, Frank McMullen	
	11:10	Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Judy Sundberg, Sheri & Rick Sessions	
<b>Greeters</b>	North Door:	9:00 Kristin Jacobi	11:10 Susan Emmert
	Welcome Center	9:00 Doug Larson	11:10 Alta Empkey
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Renee Cornett		
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00	Kathy Nickel	11:10 Pam Swenson
	<b>Childcare Ministry</b> Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher		

**For your convenience during worship:** Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and yellow prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential. Please note: If you would like to have an item included in the Bulletin Announcements, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday night each week. Once an item has been submitted, it will be included automatically until the event has passed. Send your information to [communications@pcoc.us](mailto:communications@pcoc.us). Thank you!

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# Announcements

For the week of March 10, 2024

## The Week Briefly

### **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Lenten Study, Children's, Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship
- 11-2 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 12:30 APNC Committee
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- 4:45 JHF & SHF both meet at church

### **Monday, March 11, 2024**

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

### **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:30 Membership Committee
- 6:00 Vesper Concert Board
- 6:30 Mission Committee

### **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

- 5:15 Childrens' Choir
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study and Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

### **Thursday, March 14, 2024**

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 12:00 Serve lunch at OSS
- 6:00 Carillion Choir

### **Friday, March 15, 2024**

- Cross Currents Deadline**
- 6:30 SHF Lock In

### **Saturday, March 16, 2024**

- 9-12 Family Zoo Day
- 10:00 Presbyterian Men Tour of "Victory Lane"

### **Sunday, March 17, 2024 Pantry Sunday**

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Lenten Study, Children's, Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship
- 4-7 SHF Chopped Competition
- 4:45 JHF Fellowship

## **Joys and Concerns.**

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Sandy Simpson and Dwight Peterson in honor of their anniversary on March 12, 2005.

**Today's Lenten Study.** The theme for this week's Lenten Study is chapter 4's topic: Restoration: Jesus Restores Your Relationship. Has God ever seemed distant or absent from you? What helped you discover God's presence in your life? How about all the cultural division we see around us? How might God be calling you to help people reconcile with each other?

**Deacons Red Cross Blood Drive.** Thanks to all who were able to donate blood last Sunday. In total, 18 units of blood were given. The Deacons will sponsor another Blood Drive in the fall.

**Updates on our Special Offerings.** Thank you for your generous donations to our special offerings so far in 2024. Our Deacons Envelope in February has collected over \$6,200 so far for our Deacons to use. Our January Per Capita offerings have resulted in \$12,350 towards our goal this year of collecting \$13,500.

**Active Minds in March.** Active Minds is playing the game of Somerset in March. Join us in the Lower Level Great Room on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Questions? Earlene Uhrig.

## **Give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).**

OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This special offering enables us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Our Sunday School children received their Gracie fish banks. During Lent, children are encouraged to fill up their banks, and bring them back to church on Easter Sunday, March 31.





**Presbyterian Men on March 16.** At 10:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a tour of Victory Lane, a private automotive condo complex located at 20121 Oak Street. Co-owner Scott Rouse will be our tour guide, an outstanding activity, invite a friend or relative! He will share how the owners envisioned this “man-cave” environment and how it has expanded. Please sign-up at the Information Desk by Sunday, March 10th. Questions? Contact Jon Boomgaarden.

**Free Zoo Day on March 16.** On March 16 at 9:00 a.m. we will be meeting at the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium for a time in enrichment. We will work on Easter projects and then those who attend may visit the zoo. This is our second outing to assist the zoo in enrichment projects for the zoo staff. There is a 20-person limit so make sure to RSVP to Sandi Stuckey. This is a great opportunity to meet other PCOC families and enjoy the zoo for free!

**Children’s Palm Parade on March 24.** All children are invited to participate in the Palm Parade on Palm Sunday. Meet Heather in the Narthex 10 minutes before each worship service to get your palm and instructions. Parents are welcome to join us as well!

**Easter Egg Hunt on March 31.** Easter is just around the corner! Hop on over to the East Lawn and Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 30 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We’ll begin at 10:00 a.m. with crafts in Fellowship Hall and then head out to the East Lawn for the hunt at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to bring a basket to collect eggs. And keep an eye out – maybe you’ll spot Peter Cottontail! We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt. Place your donations in the plastic tote in the Lobby.

**49ERS on April 2.** Our speaker will be Ken Gruber, President of Omaha Rapid Response. He will speak about Rapid Response' ongoing efforts to help the tornado victims in Kentucky and Mississippi and update everyone on Rapid Responses' 2024 trips to Ukraine (war), Fort Meyers (hurricane), and the continued rebuilding of houses in King Lake, NE. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older. Come join us. Reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg or sign up at the Information Desk in the 3 ring binder.

**Spring Speaker Series - Embracing Community Connections.** Agape for All invites all to attend three unique presentations featuring leaders from our Omaha community. What exciting progress is being made in the area of social justice? Join us in the Courtyard Classroom at 10 a.m. on April 7, 14 and 21 to find out! Online registration is preferred, but walk-ins are always welcome.

**April 7 - Connecting with No More Empty Pots**

Leah Keinama - Director of Programs and Partnerships of “No More Empty Pots”

**April 14 - Connecting with the Tri-Faith Initiative**

Jeremy Fricke - Vice President of Mission Advancement

**April 21 - Connecting with the Empowerment Network**

Willie Barney - Founder and President of the North Omaha Empowerment Network

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